



Coming Together 2nd Annual Summit to Prevent Gun Violence:

“Become a Change-Maker”

Speaker Biographies

Derrick Shoates, Youth Adviser, Milwaukee Violence-Free Zone Program

Derrick Shoates currently serves as a youth advisor for the Milwaukee Violence-Free Zone Program; assisting youth with overcoming their barriers to achieving academic success. Derrick obtained his Youth Work Certification from UWM, was certified in Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI), studied/trained to earn his accreditation as a Certified Gang Specialist, and is currently working towards his certification as a facilitator for Community Building Workshops. In addition to Derrick's work within the schools, he also serves as a Running Rebels basketball coach.



Tom Barrett, Mayor, City of Milwaukee

Tom Barrett was elected Milwaukee's 40th Mayor on April 6, 2004, and was reelected with more 70% of the vote in both 2008 and 2012.

As Milwaukee's Chief Executive, Tom Barrett is making neighborhoods safer by strengthening public safety services, targeting gangs and illegal guns and forging partnerships with neighborhood organizations. He is a founding member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

Mayor Barrett continues to strengthen the City's economy by creating family-supporting jobs and provide assistance to entrepreneurs. He is creating hope in the lives of young people throughout the city with a number of workforce initiatives, including his Earn & Learn initiative which has placed nearly 20,000 students in summer jobs.

Mayor Barrett has enacted his vision for a more sustainable Milwaukee by establishing the Office of Environmental Sustainability, which promotes cost-effective sustainability practices that meet Milwaukee's environmental, economic and social needs while enhancing economic growth. He is also one of the region's greatest champions for the Great Lakes and is the past Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, a binational organization comprised of local officials actively working to protect and restore the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. The Mayor is recognized as a national leader on storm water mitigation, sustainable manufacturing and urban agriculture.



Tom Barrett grew up on Milwaukee's West side, graduated college and law school from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was a member of both the Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate and served five terms in the U.S. Congress.

Dr. Darienne B. Driver, Superintendent, Milwaukee Public Schools

Dr. Darienne Driver was appointed Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools effective October 1, 2014. As Superintendent, Dr. Driver works with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and district leadership to improve student achievement; engage in effective and efficient operations that make best use of district resources; and, develop opportunities to increase parental and community involvement.

Dr. Driver previously served as Acting Superintendent of MPS from July 1, 2014 until her appointment was made permanent. Dr. Driver joined Milwaukee Public Schools in July 2012 as the district's first Chief Innovation Officer. She led district efforts to improve outcomes in the schools in greatest need of improvement; oversaw the district's implementation of the Wisconsin Common Core State Standards in literacy and mathematics in partnership with the GE Foundation and Student Achievement Partnership through the development of ten MPS-GEF Demonstration Schools;



recruited multiple educational organizations to serve as partners in efforts to improve student achievement; and, oversaw the district's contracted school services which serve students through alternative programming for at-risk students and non-instrumentality charter schools and turnaround models.

Prior to joining MPS, Dr. Driver served as Deputy Chief of Empowerment Schools for the School District of Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, she oversaw the Empowerment Schools efforts to increase achievement with large numbers of underperforming students and coordinated district efforts to provide needed support. Under her leadership, Empowerment Schools outpaced district schools on the Pennsylvania State System Assessment in reading and math. Empowerment Schools' high schools made the largest gains on PSSA in history in English/Language Arts and math. Prior to her work in Philadelphia she served as Coordinator of Strategic Management and Accountability and Special Assistant to the Superintendent in Clayton County (GA) Public Schools. Dr. Driver began her career as an elementary school teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

Dr. Driver earned a doctorate from Harvard University in Urban Superintendency. She has a master's degree from Harvard's Graduate School of Education and also received a master's in curriculum development from the University of Michigan. She earned her undergraduate degree at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA in child development.

Dr. Stephen Hargarten, MD, MPH, Director, Injury Research Center

Stephen Hargarten received his MD from the Medical College of Wisconsin and an MPH from Johns Hopkins. He is Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine and Associate Dean for the Global Health Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Hargarten serves as the Director of the Injury Research Center and is a member of its Education Core which is focused on the development of a model injury prevention and control curriculum integrated across all four years of the medical student curriculum, as well as the development of targeted injury prevention and control research training initiatives for medical and graduate students to prepare the next generation of injury research scientists. Dr. Hargarten's research interests reflect an intersection of injury prevention and health policy to address the burden of injuries. He was the first Chair of the state-wide Committee on Trauma System Development for the Wisconsin State Health Department. Dr. Hargarten served as Chair of the Wisconsin Seat Belt Coalition and has devoted considerable effort towards seat belt legislation in Wisconsin. He serves as a Board Member of Advocates of Highway and Auto Safety and the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT). He is currently the immediate Past President of the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR). Dr. Hargarten was recently invited to join the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences.



Supervisor David Bowen, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, 10th District

David Bowen is the son of Jamaican immigrants who came to Milwaukee to pursue a better life for their family. Born and raised on Milwaukee's North Side, David was a 2005 honors graduate of Bradley Tech High School.

As a teen and young adult, David completed Urban Underground's youth leadership program. He was selected as a Legacy Foundation Youth Activism Fellow and is a two-time graduate of the Americorps program, Public Allies. David continued to volunteer with Urban Underground while pursuing his undergraduate degree in Educational Policy and Community Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Firmly rooted in the community, David became Program Director at Urban Underground. In that capacity, he oversaw creation and implementation of youth programs, services, and professional development training for adults interested in youth civic engagement and leadership development. A nationally recognized trainer for intergenerational community improvement strategies, David Bowen served on the Medical College of Wisconsin's Violence Prevention Initiative Steering Committee and is currently a member of the City of Milwaukee's Homicide Review Commission. He is also a National Americorps Service Alum.



In April 2012 he was elected to the 10th supervisory district of Milwaukee County, becoming the youngest member of the County Board of Supervisors and one of the youngest Black elected officials in Milwaukee's history. He currently serves on three County Board standing committees: Health and Human Needs, Finance, Personnel and Audit, and as Vice Chair of Economic and Community Development.

Mallory O'Brien, PhD, Director, Homicide Review Commission

Dr. Mallory O'Brien is the Founding Director of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission. Dr. O'Brien is trained as an epidemiologist and has worked in the field of violent injury prevention for the past 20 years. In 1994 she began her work developing, implementing and evaluating a regional tracking system for firearm deaths, the Firearm Injury Reporting System, at the Medical College of Wisconsin. From 2001 through 2007 she continued her work, expanding to the national level as the Associate Director of the National Violent Injury Statistics System at the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, at Harvard University. From 2007 through 2011, as a researcher with Duke University, Terry Sanford Public Policy Institute, she worked on a randomized control trial of reentering gang-involved offenders. Dr. O'Brien has served as a consultant to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Wisconsin Violent Death Reporting System, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Violent Death Reporting System. She is currently a member of the WI Attorney General's Crime Victim Council, Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Partnership Council of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Community Justice Coordinating Council. Dr. O'Brien is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at Marquette University. Dr. O'Brien has been honored with awards from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Director's Community Leadership Award) and the US Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods (Outstanding Contribution by a Researcher).



Paul Dedinsky, J.D., Ph.D., Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office

Paul Dedinsky is honored to partner with the Milwaukee Health Department. In 1991, Paul participated in his first victim offender restorative justice intervention through UW Law School and the WI Dep't of Corrections. Through the years, Paul received extensive experience and training in circle facilitation. In 2008, he began working as Restorative Justice Coordinator for MPS. In 2011, Paul served as an adjunct professor of law teaching the Restorative Justice Clinic at Marquette University Law School.

In the past, Paul served as a sexual assault / child abuse prosecutor and directed the domestic violence unit for the Milwaukee DA's office for six years, serving as the editor and main author of the Wisconsin Domestic Violence Prosecution manual, 2004. He served on the council for the National Institute on the Prosecution of DV, and he trained for the FBI and the annual National Conference on Domestic Violence, sponsored by the National College of District Attorneys. He collaborated with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in conjunction with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) on several initiatives through the years.



Besides teaching restorative justice to hundreds of audiences over the years, Paul enjoys police training and has conducted in excess of 200 training sessions primarily for law enforcement agencies, probation agents, victim advocates, and other prosecutors. Paul currently serves as an adjunct professor for Cardinal Stritch University's MBA program. He graduated with a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison law school in 1993 and obtained a PhD in Education and Leadership in 2012. Paul is married to Lisa, and they have three children.